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Scientists at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, one of the nation's repositories for long-lasting waste from nuclear weapons production, are preparing a warning system designed to be legible and understandable for 500 generations.

### A series of protective measures

A traveler entering the 16-square-mile site would encounter a succession of warning features: stone monoliths, concrete structures and a 33 foot-high earthen berm surrounding an "information room" that includes diagrams about the site and warning messages in different languages.

#### Approaching the site

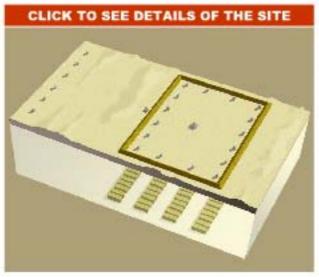
Top view of site

21,120'

Stone monoliths

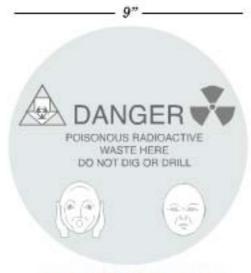
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#### Subsurface markers

Metal, plastic and ceramic disks with pictographic warnings and symbols of horror and revulsion would be buried throughout the site.



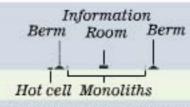




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Outer perimeter of monoliths

Side view



Outer perimeter of monoliths

Overall site measures 21,120 ft. (4 miles) across